

TIPP CITY PARKS ADVISORY BOARD

TIPP CITY, MIAMI COUNTY, OHIO

May 11, 2009

Roll Call

Mr. Hodges called this meeting of the Tipp City Parks Advisory Board to order at 7:00 p.m.

Members in attendance included: Pamela Hale, Maynard Watkins, Patrick Hodges, ex-officio members Dr. Martin English (Monroe Twp. Trustees). David Mihalyo (Board Chairman), Doug Slagel (Vice Chairman), Tom Merritt, Tipp City School Board representative was absent.

Also in attendance were Service Director Scott Vagedes, Park Superintendent Jim Asher, Board Secretary Susan Denlinger and five Tipp City High School Seniors.

Minutes

March 9, 2009
Meeting

The minutes of the March 9, 2009 were reviewed. Mrs. Hale moved to accept the minutes of March 9, 2009 as presented. Mr. Watkins seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Citizens' Comments Not on the Agenda

There were no comments on items not on the agenda.

New Business

Jr. Baseball
Storage facility at
Kyle Park

Bruns Construction has started construction of the storage facility. The roof is up but needs shingled. The storage facility should be done by mid May. This at the Jr. Baseball's expense,

Demolition of old
City Park
concession stand

The old City Park concession stand, next to City Park diamonds 3 and 4, was demolished in accordance with the City's master plans. It came down in about a day. The concrete slabs remain to be removed.

Old Business

Miltonburger Fund
– Canal Lock Park

The check has not been received yet. We hope to receive the check in the next month. We have a price from Bruns Construction to build a shelter. The Park's Department will put the shingles on it to help save cost. We have added 10 trees and 4 bushes this spring in Canal Lock Park, using the Milner Funds.

Kyle Park ODNR
Bike Trail

The Kyle Park ODNR Bike Trail is funded 80% through the Ohio Department of Natural Resource Grant. Coate Construction has started the work, installed a culvert and about 1/3 of the gravel base. The trail ends approximately 100 ft past the Timmer Pavillion.

Five Rivers Metro
Bike Trail

An easement across Garden's Alive property has been acquired by Five Rivers Metro so construction on Garden's Alive property will be part of their project. The City's percentage over and above the ODOT/ Five River's grant is about 8% if it goes over the entire grant amount. With the prices right now the south leg of the Five Rivers Bike Trail should come in under budget. Hopefully there should be no expense to the City. The trail will stop at the property line of Garden's Alive/Fred Cook's property line. Five Rivers have all of the easements from Kyle Park south to Ross Road with the exception of Fred Cook's property, which is about 1800 linear feet. The Miami County Parks District has agreed to fund portion of the Bike Trail, out of the City limits, since ODOT will not fund it.

There was question about the bluebird houses north of Kyle and which way they are facing. They are facing west and should be east or southeast to be well used. They were placed west so that they can be easily monitored and for shelter purposes also. They are being used by bluebirds at this time.

Veterans Memorial
Park- bricks

The Parks Department, along with Ron Re` installed a total of 175 bricks. The installation of the 175 bricks included new and replacement bricks. Ron had a lot of bricks that needed to be rearranged so that family members could be together. This is complete and we are up to date. There are some concerns about the darker color bricks and clarity of the engraving. The brick company said that in time the blue will fade and become easier to read. The original lighter bricks with the black print are much easier to read. When we received a sample of the brick they were not the darker brick. The darker bricks should not have been delivered to the engraving company. The City provided the darker bricks to the engraver because of the large order and not enough tan bricks available. For now we are just going to see what happens over a period of time and if this needs to be changed we will have to look into purchasing the lighter bricks and remove the dark ones. The City will verify how many bricks are the dark ones and speak with the company about the situation and get a quote for what it would cost to replace them.

Dog Park Fencing

The fence divider was installed last week. The company attached the fence to the existing post which is one post over from where we had intended. The fence works just fine. There is a little bit of a gap under the fence because of the terrain but shouldn't be an issue. Grass is getting worn in front of the gates. The park is getting a lot of use. There was mention about posting a sign designating big dogs and little dogs on designated sides but Jim felt this wasn't necessary. People are letting the small dogs run with the big dogs using their own discretion.

Motorized Vehicles
on Bike Path

Changes were made to the signs as previously discussed. Signs are in but they are not installed yet. We are receiving very positive comments about the bike trail and they are very excited about the connection.

Other Business

Tree City USA
Award and Growth
Award

John Montgomery, Marilyn Fennel and Jim Asher attended the awards banquet in Hamilton, OH. The City received the Tree City USA Award and the Growth Award. A Chinkapin Oak was planted in Kyle Park at the Milner Tree Grove for Arbor Day.

Trees planted by
Cub Scouts

Tim Rambo of the tree board handed out tree seedlings to the fifth graders and they had 65 extra left over. Jim met with the scout leader and showed them where they could plant these 65 trees in the Nature Center. They did this the Saturday after Arbor Day.

Policy/Procedure
Change

Page 2 Cat. C - Currently states that any nonprofit organization could come in and run a softball tournament. It is felt that this should be clarified.

Bike Path Usage

Five Rivers Metro is planning on doing a study a bike trail count and survey this summer. Our hopes are that Miami County Parks District would plan to also do this on the same day so that the entire trail has data from the same time frame. Miami County Parks district is to be working on this for Miami County. Scott V. will check into this further.

Rental Usage

The increase in rental fees hasn't affected the rental use of the facilities. For the most part people have accepted the increase in the fees. Very few complaints.

Comments from
Pat Hodges for
Doug Slagel

Doug Slagel asked Mr. Hodges to tell Jim Asher that the Parks look great. He also wanted to mention that in Veteran's Memorial Park the rose bushes needed trimmed. The Parks Department has been short handed, but should be catching up soon. They do have two summer helpers starting in June.

Absences

Mr. Hodges made a motion to excuse absence of Mr. Mihayo and Mr. Slagel, seconded by Mrs. Hale and unanimously

approved.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Hodges, seconded by Mrs. Hale and unanimously approved.

APPROVED: _____
Board Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Susan Denlinger, Secretary

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